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Subject:— Electric License

Belgaum

Fixing of security deposit

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[G. R. D. No. 2103, dated 22-6-22.]

DOCKET SHEET

Subject: The Amalgamated Electricity Company (Belgaum) Ltd. Fixing of Security deposits by the —

File No. S60/16/80131

P.W. DEPT.

K BRANCH.

References:—

Date	To whom sent	Notes and instructions.

A brief note on the unsatisfactory management of the Belgaum Electric Supply Company.

It is the obligation of the Licensee to provide continuous supply to their consumers. This condition is being flagrantly violated. During the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947 the Licensee Company did not give continuous supply. Zones were created, dividing Belgaum into several units and each unit was cut off from supply every second day regularly. This state of affairs continued well upto the middle of 1947. Even so failure of supply at one locality or another is a regular occurrence.

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It is the obligation of the licensee to supply every person within the area of supply on the same terms and conditions as those on which any other person in the same area is supplied. But the licensee has not supplied electricity to numerous persons who have applied on one pretext or another. Some months back a suit was filed for failure to supply energy. In short the licensee Company feels sure

that a person has filed a suit and is quite determined to prosecute it to a conclusion it does not ordinarily feel the obligation to supply energy.

3 Besides, the licensee is obliged by law to supply energy on the same terms & conditions as it has given the supply to others. But many new conditions are made by the licensee on new consumers. e.g. deposits amounting to six months to two years' probable consumption bills are demanded in advance. Even old consumers are required to increase their deposits from their original Rs. 10 to as much as Rs. 72/ Recently a tin plate printed notice was put up on every "meter box" "Caution. 230 volts" etc for which consumers were charged at Rs. 1/8/- each ~~though it is the duty of the licensee to~~

4. Certain cooperative societies have built houses near the vicinity of the Municipal limits of Belgaum, to whom the Licensee has charged huge amounts as deposits and service charges, which of course ultimately the ~~tenement~~ tenant is burdened with.

5 As regards motive power to flour mills and industries, the Licensee is bound to supply energy when demanded on equal footing with others But in practice this is seldom done. Deposits to the extent of Rs 120 per H.P. are demanded, unreasonable and illegal agreements are exacted, power is being cut off abruptly and at will. Correspondence on complaint is never or seldom replied. Transfers of Connections from one place to another consequent on change of premises are refused. The Licensee insists upon their previous consent in case of bona fide sale of a business etc.

6 The licensee is obliged to maintain a requisite voltage according to law. The energy is seldom maintained at this voltage with the result that users of delicate machines are put to heavy loss of replacements.

7 If there were an intelligent body of consumers insisting upon their rights the Licensee Company would be kept permanently busy in our Courts for their negligence and bad performance.

8 16 is possible that the licensee wields a good influence with the Electrical Department of the govt. of Bombay. because consumers Complaints against the licensee made with that Department are never even answered

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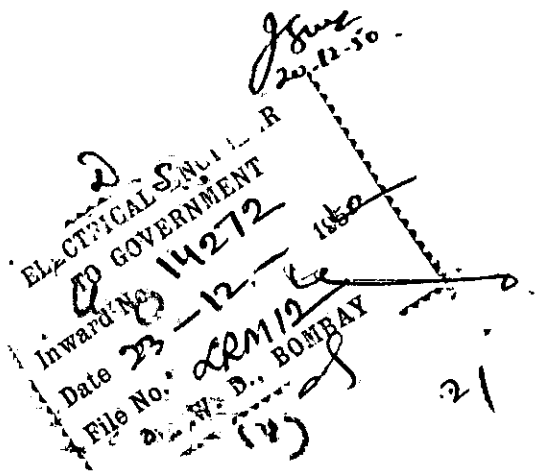
Submitted with ref. to the note P1 of the P.S to the H.H, dt. the 13-12-50.

2. This may be referred u.o. to the Exec Engr. to Govt. for remarks



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THE AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY Co. (Bel.) Ltd.,

BELGAUM—BRANCH.

Conditions for New Motive Power Supply.

A requisition form should be signed by the applicant at the same time informing the Company the name of his Wiring contractor.

2. The applicant should enter into an agreement on stamped paper with the Company in the prescribed form supplied by the Company to take supply for a minimum period of two years and guarantee a minimum off-take at the rate of Rs. 5/- per month per B.H.P. installed i. e. Rs. 120/- per B. H. P. for the period of two years. This will carry an interest of 3½% per annum.

3. The applicant should deposit with the Company the minimum guarantee as per para 2 immediately the Agreement is entered into.

4. The applicant should make a deposit against the cost of service line to be laid for him.

5. The applicant should pay a deposit of Rs. 10/- per B. H. P. installed against regular payment of his electricity bill.

6. **Re. : Flour Mill Installations :-** It is expected that the supply may be staggered and restricted by Government for about four hours a day.

Items 2 to 5 inclusive should be complied with by the applicant within 14 days of the notice of intimation by the Company as to whether the supply will be available to him.

7. The applicant should send to the Company the completion report of his installation through the wiring Contractor within a month from the date of the receipt of the intimation of the availability of supply as above.

8. Failure to comply with any of the above will be taken to mean that the supply is not required by the applicant, and he will have to wait for his turn when next supply is required by him.

9. (a) No transfer of power by sale, hire or otherwise will be allowed without the permission of Government.

(b) No change in the purpose for which the power was sanctioned will be allowed without the permission of Government.

(c) No use of power beyond the restricted period of sanction of permits will be allowed in any case.

No. of 1950

P. .D.Offices, Church gate St.,
Fort, Bombay(1) 10th July 1950.

To

The Electric Supply Undertakings
in the State of Bombay.

Subject:-Bona-fide Prospective Consumers:
Maintaining a regular list of --

Dear Sirs,

It has come to the notice of Government that at many places numerous applications have been filed by the Supply Companies without ascertaining whether or not the applicants actually require the load stated in the applications. It is very necessary that both the licensee and Government should have an accurate idea of the electrical requirements of the public in the area of supply, and you are, therefore, requested to immediately notify the public in your area of supply through the Press and obtain from bona-fide applicants regular requisitions on the approved form which should be completed in all respects.

2. A separate list of the pending requisitions in serial order should be maintained and this register should be available for inspection at all times to the Electric Inspector or his Assistants. Only those persons who submit properly completed requisition forms should be considered as prospective consumers and every person submitting such requisitions should be made aware that he would be liable for the payment in advance of the estimated cost of service line, security deposit, etc., as per the conditions of supply.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-S.G.NADGIR.
Electrical Engineer to Govt.

"True Copy"
Silsaye
Head Clerk to the
Electrical Engineer to Govt.

Below U.O.R.No.S.60/16/102450 dated the 21st December 1950, from Government in the Public Works Department.

No. LRM.12/\S370 of 1950-51.

Bombay, 27th M a r c h 1951.

Returned, with compliments.

2. The various complaints referred to in the note at pp.1-4 ante were thoroughly investigated and the following remarks are made thereon:-

(1) Introduction of zonal arrangement of supply: The arrangement of cutting off the supply in rotation in certain zones was introduced by the Supply Company in view of its serious load condition, for the purpose of maintaining the voltage and supply to other parts of the town. This arrangement was communicated to Government by the Supply Company vide its letter No. AMAL/BEL/C/3/46 dated the 21st November 1946, and this office endorsement No.LRM.12/3861 dated the 13th December 1946 (P.W.D.file No.8290/36). The curtailment programme on the basis of this zonal distribution has been approved by Government, vide Government, Public Works Department, letter No.1932/36-El(II) dated the 4th April 1950. As regards interruption of supply, it is ascertained that no interruptions have occurred, except those in the month of December 1950, which were due to one of the foundation bolts of one set having been cracked, which permitted a partial supply in the evening for about a fortnight.

(ii) Non-supply of energy to numerous persons on one pretext or the other: No such cases where supply was not given to persons who had submitted their requisitions could be detected from the records of the Supply Company. If any specific cases where supply has been refused by the Company are reported the same will be investigated and suitable action taken in the matter. As regards the alleged suit stated to have been filed against the Company, it is ascertained from the Supply Company that such suit was filed against the Company some months ago. Of course, in case of refusal of supply, the aggrieved party has a right to proceed against the Company in a Court of Law.

(iii) New conditions prescribed by the Company for new Motive Power Consumers: The complaint obviously refers to the new conditions which the Supply Company has published for the information of the intending consumers - vide copy enclosed for information. These are apparently published in pursuance of this office letter dated the 12th July 1950, addressed to all the electrical supply undertaking - vide copy enclosed. The security of Rs.5/- per mensem per B.H.P.installed, i.e. Rs.120/- per B.H.P.for a period of 2 years, represents the security which the licensee is entitled to demand under clause VI(1), proviso first (a), of the Schedule to the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, and it seems that a uniform rate of security from each motive power consumer is not in order, since this security is to be limited to such an amount as will affo a reasonable return on the capital expended by the licensee additions to the mains, if any, and the cost of the service line so far as it is paid for by the licensee, and hence the amount of security in each case must necessarily vary. The uniform rate of Rs.120/- per B.H.P. demanded by the Company from each consumer seems, therefore, exhorbitant and unjustified - vide in this connection this office endorsement No. L.41/10038 dated the 11th November 1950 (P.W.D.file No.S.60/26/64876), in connection with the Malegaon Electricity Co.,Ltd. which is a concern under the management of the same Company.

As regards the increase in the security against the payment of energy bills, according to Part II of the condition

of

or supply and miscellaneous charges, the licensee is entitled to recover it at Rs.10/- per B.H.P. for motive power, and if there are any cases where it is recovered at higher rates, such cases may be reported to this office, so that the licensee will be compelled to regularise the amounts of deposits in such cases, if found to be in excess of the sanctioned limits.

As regards the charge of Rs.1/8/- per enamel plate, it is ascertained that the Company has actually charged Rs.1/4/- per plate as permitted by Government under rule 49(5) of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1937.

(iv) Huge amounts of deposits and service charges recovered from certain Co-operative Societies: It is ascertained from the Supply Company that about 12 to 15 persons representing the housing society requisitioned for supply, and the Company had asked for a security of Rs.2,500/- jointly from them, so as to safeguard the minimum revenue per month of Rs.100/- so as to produce a reasonable return to the licensee under clause V of the Schedule to the Indian Electricity Act. If the amount of security as well as the charges for service lines are considered as unreasonable, it is open for the consumers concerned to refer the matter to the Electric Inspector under clause V(2) and VI(3) of the Schedule to the Indian Electricity Act, as the case may be.

(v) Complaints regarding motive power supply to flour mills and industries: The various complaints referred to in para.5 of the note seem to be vague. The complaint regarding the security demanded from the new consumers and the conditions imposed on them is dealt with in item (iii) above. As regards the complaint re: preferential treatment, cutting off the supply, etc., it is not possible to investigate the same, unless specific instances in that behalf are brought to the notice of this Department.

The transfer of load from one place to another is entirely at the discretion of the licensee and no objection can be taken, therefore, if the licensee insists upon his previous consent in cases of such transfers.

(vi) Low voltage: It is ascertained from the Supply Company that it has already erected recently one H.T. transformer of adequate capacity in the heart of the city, where there was low voltage in the evenings and this has resulted in the improvement of voltage. The Company also proposes to extend its H.T. lines, so as to provide for another H.T. line transformer in the Manik Bag area, which is fairly away from the supply end, for the purpose of improving further the voltage variations.

In the absence of information about the specific areas which the complaint refers to as having low voltage, it was not possible to obtain the voltage charts by means of recording voltmeter to verify the correct voltage position in such areas.

(vii) The surmise made in the last para. of the note is totally unfounded. The complaints addressed to the officers of this Department have invariably been investigated, wherever necessary, by the Electric Inspector and suitable action taken thereon, without any unreasonable delay. The complainant does not seem to have realised that only such disputes as are referable to an Electric Inspector can be looked into by that officer, and that for all other disputes the aggrieved party must seek redress in a Court of Law.

P. W. D.
File No. S.60/16
Serial No. 28423

Electrical Engineer to Govt.

S.60/16/28423

K.B. P. W. D.

The report of the Elecl. Engr. to Govt. is submitted for information with reference to the orders of P.S. to H.M. on p. ante.

2. No application regarding the complaint against the Amalgamated Elecy.Co.(Bel.) Ltd., Belgaum Branch has been received from Hind Chemical Starch Co., Ltd. As regards A on p. ante, it may be stated that necessary action on this point is being taken, along with other complaints against Malegaon Elecy. Co., Ltd., in file No.S.60/26/31603. The decision that will be taken in respect of Malegaon Elecy. Co., will also be made applicable to this case also.

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P. W. D

Submitted with ref. 6 para 2 of the
O.N. D) 27-4-1951. p 14

It has been decided on this point in # vide order on p. 5-7 in file No S-60/26
the case of certain complaint against the 93038 part 1 of U.D.
Malayan Ele. Supply Co. Ltd. that instead of
taking the problem on principle for all business,
any such Supply Co. as will be complained
against in this respect may be approached,
advising ~~them~~ that the rate of Rs 120/-
per B.H.P., for a period of 2 years demanded
by it as security deposit vide ~~its~~ para 2
of the ~~its~~ for new erection power connection is
exhorbitant and Govt considers that the rate of Rs
45/- per H.P. with a written guarantee for a
fixed consumption for 2 years is quite sufficient
to cover the security in such cases. In case
no response is received from the Co. on such
advise, the matter may be taken up with
the Association of Ele. Undertakings. It is
for consideration whether a letter on the above
lines may be addressed to the
~~Malayan~~ Amalgamated Electricity Co. Ltd (Belgaum)
pp 1-4.
with ref. to the P.S.' note.

Steam Rate (pf sheet)
12/11/51

8/11/51

Why this is sent to me on 9-11-51 when
the note shows is 8/9/51 at the end?
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What decision is taken against Malayan? Have they
not made up Rs 60 how much? What are rates charged
by Belgaum? Is there any authentic report or advice by
Govt. Have letters not wrote. What action is taken on this
& reasons

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Resubmitted

2) The Malegaon El. Supply Co. has been addressed on
file No S-60/26/93038 27-10-1951 vide P.L. No S-60/26/90013 K. to reduce
below
p 65 ante A their rates of security deposit for M.P. connections.
This reply is awaited. On receipt thereof, it will be known whether they are agreeable to reduce the rate of deposit and to what extent. They will be reminded in due course and in case no satisfactory response is given, the matter will have to be taken with the
Secy of Elec. Undertakings, Bldg Province, as per
Dy No S-60/26/93038 Ds' orders agreed to by Secy.
p 57

As regards the rates demanded by M/s The Amalgamated El. Supply Co. (Belgaum) Ltd., attention is invited to para 2 of this circular in this connection, from which it will be seen that they also

ask for a uniform deposit at the rate of Rs 120/- per B.H.P. for 2 years' period. This case was kept pending decision on the Malegaon Case which was, ± x no 5 cut. by, arrived at. ors on 18-10-1954. ; to 67)

3). A draft letter addressed to the Amalgamated El. Syndicate Co (Belgium) through ... since if approved.

4/11/54 ... Asstt. may put this also with the file of Circular letter & advise Engineers to ask for a quote as suggested by Govt. ...

D.F. (9 of E)

Archives taken in file G
No S.60/26/90003

No 5760/16/28423.K.

P.W.D.
B.C. (Belgaum Nov), the Nov. 1957
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To

M/s the Amalgamated Elec. Supply Co.—
(Belgaum) Ltd.,
Belgaum Branch, Belgaum.

Subject:— Security deposit

Dear Sirs,

It has been brought to the notice of Govt that ~~the~~ you have demanded security deposit for new M.P. connections at the rate of Rs 120/- per B.H.P., for a period of 2 years (i.e. Rs 1,200/- for a flour mill using 10 HP) vide condition 2 of your circular for new motive power connection. I am directed to state, that the rate is exhorbitant and Govt considers that the rate of Rs 65/- per H.P. with a written guarantee for a ~~fixed~~ certain minimum guaranteed consumption for two years is quite sufficient to cover the security in such cases. I am, therefore, to ~~request~~ advise you to fix the security deposit on the lines indicated above and to amend condition No 2 of your circular for

[illegible] Powers Convention accordingly.
The action taken in the matter shd. please
report [illegible] Govt.

Yours faithfully

DS/-Nil.

A/5 to Govt.

Secret pp. 17-18 + Annexure
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No. S.60/16/28423 K

Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle (Bombay No. 1),
20th November 1951.

From

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

To

Messrs. The Amalgamated Electric Supply
Company (Belgaum), Limited,
Belgaum Branch, Belgaum.

Subject:- Security deposits.

Dear Sirs,

It has been brought to the notice of Government that you have demanded security deposit for new motive power connections at the rate of Rs.120/- per B.H.P., for a period of 2 years (i.e. Rs.1,200/- for a flour mill using 10 H.P.) vide condition 2 of your circular for new motive power connections. I am directed to state in this connection that the rate is exhorbitant and Government considers that the rate of Rs.15 per H.P., with a written guaranty for a certain minimum guaranteed consumption for two years is quite sufficient to cover the security in such cases. I am, therefore, to advise you to fix the security deposit on the lines indicated above and to amend condition No.2 of your circular for new motive power connection accordingly.

The action taken in the matter should please be

reported.....

reported to Government.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

D.A. - Nil

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THE AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY Co., (BELGAUM), LTD.
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Ref. AMAL/BEL/D.7/C/2/51

BOMBAY, 15th January 19 52.

The Assistant Secretary to the Govt., of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
BOMBAY:

pp 19-20

Dear Sir:

Ref: Your letter No.S.60/16/28423 K.
of the 20th ultimo: Security Deposits.

With reference to the above, we have to state as under:

You may be aware that prices of materials required for generating plant and transmission mains have during the period of war and thereafter been soaring higher and higher and the position at present is that the prices of generating plants are more than 300% higher while for transmission mains Viz., Poles 500% and Copper 1200% - they being the main items. Further materials have been so rare in spite of such high prices, that they are available at very long deliveries Viz., varying from 12 to 24 months. So also due to shortage of foreign exchange the Central Government is very careful to see that only materials ansolutely necessary are imported from foreign countries and a proper scrutiny is being made by the Import Controller through the Water and Power Commission, Central Government, Simla, before any import license is granted to import any machinery or other materials. All the above materials, as far as power supply is concerned, are to be imported from foreign countries and so the above position is created for all of them. Licenses also are granted months after the application.

In such a precarious position as above, the Company cannot allow the use of its plant and mains to be wasted, as it would be waste of their own economy as well as national wealth. During war time and thereafter, we have experienced that people go in after a particular business, when they find a certain business flourishing. They over-crowd such a business line, with the result that after a certain time they compete amongst themselves and ultimately the whole business is ruined as well as they ruin themselves.

In order to get in the business as above, people flock in with a number of applications for power when they see that there is shortage of power. The Company under the I.E.Act 1910

Clause VI of the Schedule, has to entertain each and every such requisition in serial order. The parties who applied, when after some time when the plant is available, is either not ready to take supply, in which case they try to sell their right to receive supply in the open market at a fabulous price or if they are ready to take, they take power, run for 2 or 3 months and when they find that they cannot get consumers for 2 or 3 hours a day and run in loss, they close their business, sell off the machinery, and stop our supply. There are several instances of this type, specially in flour mill business which is our main demand.

The result is that genuine consumers like agricultural pumps or other small cottage industries lag behind and they do not get their turn and the Company has to waste its capital in these hard days of money shortage and run the show uneconomically.

In order to put a check on such malpractice and uneconomical position, the Company put into practice in a very mild form, the provisions of Clause VI of the Schedule to the I.E.Act. According to this clause, the Company can ask for two years' agreement for consuming such a minimum quantity of energy as would produce reasonable return on the investment made by the Company for the consumer. The supply is made available to the consumer for all 24 hours, out of which the Company can expect, this being motive power load, least running of the load for eight hours day, for 25 days a month. This would give to the Company only a 30% load factor, i.e. for 70% period the plant and the system and the investment are to be kept idle for the consumers.

Suppose even if he runs for eight hours a day as above, he would consume at 0.75 demand factor, 4 units a day i.e. 100 units a month and 1200 units a year. At the average unit rate of annas 2, he would consume energy of the value of Rs.150/- per year i.e. for two years Rs.300/- per B.H.P. As per Clause VI of the Schedule to the Act, the Security Deposit should be such amount as should produce this income.

It would, therefore, be noticed that as per act a much higher deposit could be asked for from the consumer, the Company has asked only Rs.120/- per B.H.P. though the Company has to invest more than Rs.600/- per H.P. demand.

The reference of Rs.15/- per BHP. mentioned in your letter under reply, seems to be for security deposit which at present according to our Conditions of Supply, is Rs.10/- per H.P. We had written to you previously in this behalf that the present security deposit of Rs.10/- per BHP is too low looking to the two months' bills remaining in arrears before a consumer is disconnected and we had requested that instead of laying down a fixed amount per BHP. it would be better to allow the Company to take a security

deposit to the extent of two months average bills from a consumer. We hope Government would consider the above proposal favourably and amend the Conditions of Supply accordingly.

Regarding the written guarantee referred to in the above letter, the same is being taken as per Clause VI of the Schedule to the act but that guarantee alone is not found sufficient as in case a consumer fails to take the guaranteed supply, the process would be to go to a Court of law and you may be aware of the present procedure of the Civil Courts as to when a decision could be expected which in ordinary course is about two years least and we do not knowy whether the consumer would then be in a position to meet the liabilit ordered by the Court.

As stated above, you would find that the deposit of Rs.120/- per B.H.P. is more than reasonable looking to the points raised above. However, as discussed with the Electrical Engineer to Government, we have now amended the circular to the following effect. The deposit of Rs.60/- out of the above Rs.120/- will be adjusted at the rate of Rs.5/- per B.H.P. per month against the payment of the bills by the consumers. Thus, the deposit would be reduced in the course of the year to the extent of Rs.60/- per B.H.P. The balance of Rs.60/- will have to continue from year to year after the lapse of the first period of two years as the agreement is renewable from year to year till the consumer puts an end to the agreement by giving a month's notice for disconnecting the supply in which case the balance of the deposit of Rs.60/- will be refunded. You may be aware that the deposit carries an interest at the rate of 3½% per annum and thus a consumer gets a proper return on the deposit made.

We hope the above would clear up the position.

Yours very truly,
The Amalgamated Electricity Co., (Belgium) Ltd.,
For Consolidated Electric Agencies Ltd., Managing Agents,

NCJ/TSR.

Managing Director.

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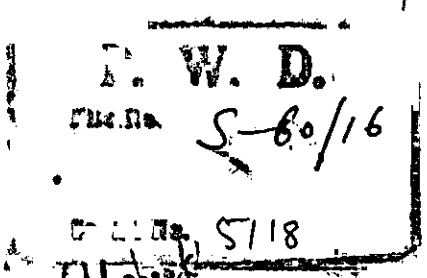

Shri Asst. M. Speaker
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KBR. PWD.

Submitted with refee. to G.L. No. Nb 19-20
No. S-60/16/28423 K, d) the 20-11-51.

2. The Supply Co's letter within Nb 21-25
may, in the first instance, be shown
up. to the El Engr. to Govt. for
information & remarks.

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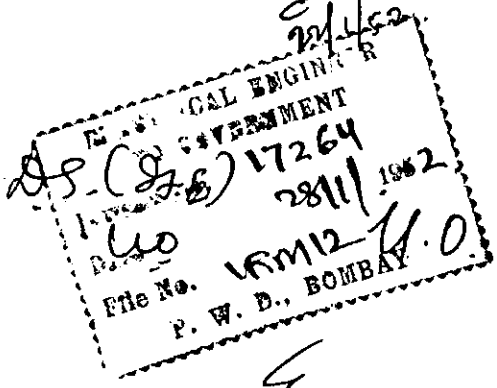

U.O. to the El. Engr. to Govt. dtd 4th Jany. 1952

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Below, U.O.R. No. S.60/16/5118 dated the 25th January 1952 from Government in the Public Works Department, Bombay.

No.LRM-12/361. of 1952.

Bombay, 14th April 1952.

Returned with compliments.

2. The Supply Company's arguments are not at all convincing. Since the cost of ~~Coal,~~ Copper etc. can be recovered by the licensee from the consumer, if the same are used exclusively for the service line laid for him, the question of deposit in respect of this portion of the service line does not arise. The point really concerns the free portion of the service line which a licensee has to lay according to clause VI of the Schedule to the I.E.Act, and this would pertain to the maximum of 100 feet of service line beyond the licensee's distributing mains, and for this purpose Rs.120/- per B.H.P. demanded uniformly by the Supply Company from all the motive power consumers is exhorbitant.

3. As regards the Supply Company's proposal to return Rs.60/- per B.H.P. out of the Rs.120/- per B.H.P. recovered from him by adjustment towards his monthly bill, it is obvious that the Supply Company wants to treat a sum of Rs.60/- per B.H.P. as security for regular payment of bills and this in my opinion is absolutely unnecessary, in view of the fact Govt. have already approved in the Supply Company's rates and conditions a security deposit of Rs.10/- per B.H.P. or portion of it for regular payment of monthly bills. In this connection, reference is invited to this office endorsement No.L-41/6979 dated the 18th September 1951 (P.W.D. file No.S.60/26/31603 dt.15-6-51) where I had already informed Govt. that a security deposit of Rs.15/- per B.H.P. installed should be deemed as sufficient for the purpose. This amount added to Rs.10/- per B.H.P. sanctioned by Govt. for regular payment of monthly bills would make a total sum of Rs.25/- per B.H.P. which amount I think should be enough to dissuade the non-genuine consumers from requisitioning elec. supply from the licensee. It is therefore suggested that the licensee may be informed accordingly and if the licensee persists in charging his exhorbitant rates of Rs.120/- per B.H.P. the complaining consumers may be advised to refer the dispute to the Electrical Inspector under clause VI(3) of the Schedule to the I.E.Act.

for his decision.

Electrical Engineer to Govt.

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P. W. D.
Plan No. 5-60/16
Item No. 36634

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15-4-52

S-60/16/36034.

P.W.D.

K. Br.

Submitted.

2. The general question reg. Security Deposits is separately under consideration in file No. S-60/26/3559/~~3557~~. The decision taken thereon will be made applicable in this case also.

28/4/52.

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K Br. PWD.

Resubmitted

2. The papers (File No. S-60/26/35591) refd. to overleaf are under submission to the H.M. since the 6.5.52.

Await.

9/5/52.

ASO. 9/5

Supdt. Joint Sec P (pl. consult. along with the main case)

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'K.Rv.

P.W.D.

Resubmitted with reference to the O.N. p31 dated the 28-4-52

× File No S60|26|35591-2|- Please see ~~C~~ L.No S.60|26|35591-K-1, dated the 12-5-52. & the O.N. underlying it. In view thereof the Belgaum licences may be addressed as per draft put up for approval

20-5-52

DS.(PWD)

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No. 5:60|26|36034-K

P.W.D.
B.C. (Bombay No.1),
22 May 1952

To

M|s The Amalgamated Ely. Co. (Belgaum) Ltd.
Belgaum Branch
P.O.Box No 879
17-13. Elphinstone Circle
Fort, Bombay.

Subject:- Security deposit.

Sirs

With reference to your letter No. AMAL/BEL/D-7/C/2/51, dated the 15-1-52, on the subject mentioned above I am directed to enclose a copy of G.L. No 5·60|26|35591-K-1, dated the 12-5-52, addressed to the Malegaon Ely. Coy. Ltd. in the subject and

X F.I. No. 5·60|26|35591

Ph 163-164

Ph 21-25

S.60/26/36034

to request you to fix the ~~amount~~ security deposit on the lines indicated therein.

2/. The action taken in the matter shd. please be reported to Govt.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. to Govt., P.W.D.

20.5.52

DA. - Copy of Govt. Lr.

Amount (27/-52)

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Show Sample (pl. refer) 24/5

Please check with 25 copies & return.

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Kpm

The Cy. enclosed under No S.60/26/36034 K, dated the 21-5-52

ASB 21/5

Supdt

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THE AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY Co., (BELGAUM), LTD.
Belgaum Branch.

TEL. ABD "CONELECTRO"
TELEPHONES 32880 - 89

P. BOX NO. 879,
17-B, HORNIMAN CIRCLE, FORT.

Ref. No AMAL/BEL/D/7/52. BOMBAY 27th August, 1952.

The Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
B O M B A Y.

Dear Sir,

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Ref: Your letter No. S/60/26/36034K,
dated 21st instant.
Re: Security Deposits.

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We shall thank you to please send us a copy of your letter No. S/60/26/360K) of 36034K 22nd May, 1952, as the same is not traceable on our records.

Yours truly,
The Amalgamated Electricity Co., (Belgaum) Ltd.,
For Consolidated Electric Agencies Ltd., Managing Agents,

Managing Director.

VR.

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K Pn.

P.W.D.

Please see the letter dt. the 27-8-52 from the Amalgamated Ely. Co., (Belgaum), Ltd., within.

2. The draft put up for approval may issue.

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A.S. (III)

S 60/16/80131

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No. S 60/16/80131 K

P.W.D.
B C (Bbay No. 1)
6th Sept. 1952.

To

M/s. The Amalgamated Ely. Co. (Belgaum) Ltd.,
Belgaum Branch,
Post Box No. 879,
17-B- Elphinstone Circle,
Fort, Bombay.

Subject :- Security deposit.

Sirs,

With ref. to your letter No. AMAL/BEL/D/7/52, dt. the 27-8-52 on the above subject, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of G.L. No. S 60/26/36034, dt. 35-36 with its accompt. (X) G.L. No. S 60/6/35591 dt. the 22-5-52, and to request you to fix the

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security deposit on the lines indicated therein.

2. The action taken on the matter should please be reported to Govt.

Yours faithfully,

A.S.

D.A – Copies of G.L. ans its account.

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ISSUED on 8-9-52

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Avail (8-9-52)

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Telegrams . "CONELECTRO" Telephones :-32880-32889.

The Amalgamated Electricity Co., (BELGAUM) Limited.

Belgaum Branch.

Managing Agents:

THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTRIC AGENCIES LTD.

Controlling Power Stations:-

AJMER, BELGAUM, BULSAR, BHIWANDI, BHUSAWAL, JALGAON MALEGAON, CHALISGAON & DOHAD.

Post Box No. 879.

17-B, HORNIMAN CIRCLE, FORT,

BOMBAY.

REF. AMAL/BEL/C-3/52.

15th September, 1952.

The Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

Ref: Your letters No. S.60/26/35591-K-1 dated 12th May, 1952, S 60/26/36034-K dated 22nd May, 52 & S 60/16/80131 K dated 6th instant.

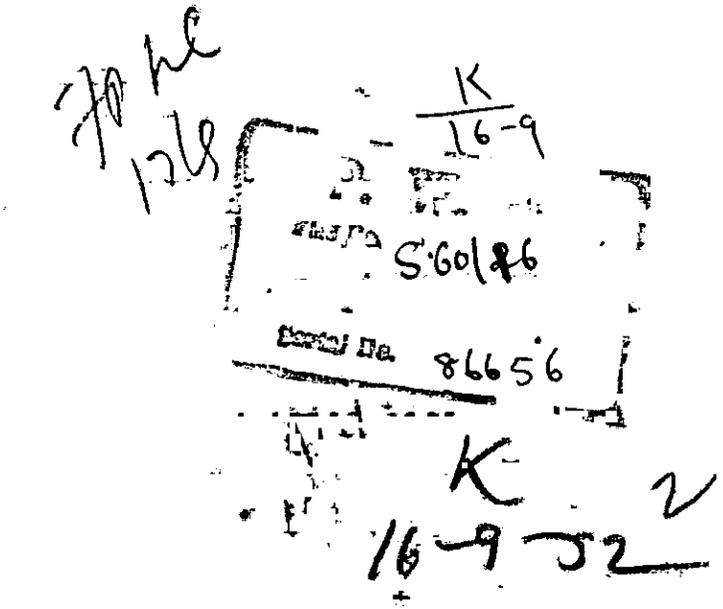
Ref: Your letter No. S 60/26/35591-K-1 of 12-5-52 - Para 1:

We have to state that the position is quite different from what is stated therein. The service line is referred to in Clause VI(1) 1st proviso (b) which has no relation to Clause VI(1) 1st proviso (a) wherein a written contract for supply of energy has been referred to. The cost of 100 ft. of service line referred to in your letter would not amount to a few rupees and there cannot be any intention of the Legislature to provide for a written contract for a reasonable return on such a small amount Clause VI(1) refers to the cases where the distributing mains have already been laid and the only question remaining is the question of supply of energy of a particular quantity. Clause VI(1) 1st proviso (a), therefore, refers only to the plant including machinery and mains required for supplying such energy; the object being that a frivolous consumer may not requisition for an unrestricted amount of energy and them may not run for a reasonable period of time. When a requisition is made the Supply Company has to make arrangements for the requisitioned capacity of the machinery as well as that much facility on the distributing mains in order to meet the demand. Thus if the demand discontinues without taking supply for a proper length of time a licensee would be put to great loss and, therefore, Clause VI(1) 1st proviso (a) has been put up in order to secure for the licensee a reasonable return on the investment made by him for such a deman by a deposit or a sufficient security and by an agreement binding the consumer to take the particular supply of energy for not less than two year

The security demanded as stated in our previous letter herein at the present rate of supply does not amount to even running charges for two hours a day. You will agree with us that no investment on plant could be made for use of only two hours in 24 hours. In order, however, that the security may not be on a very high side, we have kept the amount as low as above.

Ref: Para 2 of your letter :- Security against regular payment of bills is independent of the above and as represented herebefore the same requires to be increased according to the security sanctioned by Government in the Bombay Grid, as requested by us in our other letter to you. We hope you would sanction the same at your earliest.

Yours truly,
The Amalgamated Electricity Co. (Belgaum) Ltd.
For Consolidated Electric Agencies Ltd, Managing Agents.
Member
Managing Director.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Submitted with refce to
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E.L No. S-60/16/80131K, dt. 6-9-52

2. The general question reg. security deposit is being dealt with separately in file No. S-86/26/76973 which is under cor. to the Sr. Engr. to Govt. since the 9.9.52. Its return may be awaited

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Secy. Revenue
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K.Rs.

P.W.D.

Resubmitted:

2. This Deptt. file quoted at "A" in the office note overleaf has since been received from the Elect. Engr. under No. S-10/26/ 10246o. That file is being referred to the Elect. Engr. for further clarification in the matter. These papers may be kept in view for the issue of orders on their file.

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K.Sr. P.W.D.

Resubmitted.

2. The main papers bearing No.

S-60/26/114575 are under submission to D.S.(I.R.E) through L Branch since the 3-1-53.

Await.

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K.Sr.
9/1/53.

Awaits
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Supdt.

K.Sr.

The papers in question bearing No. S-60/26/118813, have been refd. up to the R.L.A. on the 15-1-1953. Their return may be awaited.

Supdt. 23/1/53.

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Await till 15-2-53 (Sylvanus)

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P.W.C

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P. W. D.
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Resubmitted.

2. The question under consideration in this case is about the fixation of Minimum Guarantee Deposit. A | In file No.S.60/26/13814, the Electrical Engineer to Govt. has suggested that the opinion of the R.L.A. may be obtained on this point. Accordingly the papers were referred unofficially to the R.L.A. on the 16-1-1953 with a view to obtain his advise in the matter. The R.L.A. has asked for the copy of the license granted to the Malegaon Electricity Co. as well as the form of the consumer's agreement prescribed by the State Govt. and the one used by the licensee in order to enable the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs to express a definite opinion on this question. Accord-ingly the Electrical Engr. to Govt. has been asked in G.L.No.S.60/26/13814 K, dated the 9-2-1953, to forward the copies of the same to Govt. After the same are received, file No.S.60/26/13814 will be referred to the R.L.A. for his opinion about the fixation of Minimum Guarantee Deposit.

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Await.

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P.W.D.

Resubmitted.

2. In this Supdt. file quoted at above.
"A" in the office note dt. the 10-3-53, the R.L.A...

R. L. A. has since given his final opinion on the question of the fixation of Minimum Guarantee Deposit and the Malegaon licensee has been informed as per his ~~decision~~ opinion, vide ¶ G. No. S-60/26/39014 K-1, dt. the 17-4-53. However, in his letter dt. the 27-4-53, the Malegaon licensee has ~~contended that~~ refused to comply fully with Govt.'s orders. The matter is separately under consideration in the file quoted at "A" overleaf. If approved, these papers may be kept in await pending the issue of final orders thereon.

6-5-53.

¶ In file No. S-60/26 pp. 273-274 (being dealt with separately)
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P.W.D.

K Bs.

Resubmitted.

2. These papers deal with a note received by the Parliamentary Secy. to the Minister wherein there were several complaints against the Belgaum licensee. The complaints have been commented upon by the Elect. Engr. in his endt. No. CRM. 12/15370, dt. the 27-3-51 and the comments were submitted to the Parliamentary Secy. to the Minister, vide the office note dt. the 27-4-51.

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3. These papers have been kept in await because one of the complaints refers to the security deposit of Rs. 120/- per B. H. P. demanded by the Belgaum licensee from the motive power consumers and that question was being dealt with separately in this Deptt. file No. S-60/26. It has been decided in that file that in case the deposit

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demanded..

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demanded by the ~~a~~ Supply Company is considered by the consumers as unreasonable, they may be advised to refer the matter to the Electric Inspector for decision, vide Y.C. No. S-60/26/50 & 23 K-2, dt. the 30-5-53, and the office notes dt. the 20-5-53 and 11-5-53. underlying it. Since the above complaint is contained in a note without any name or address, it is not possible to inform the applicant accordingly. If approved, these papers may be recorded.

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A.S. (IV)

Pay Commr. 7.6.56

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